

Exercises

39.1 Put the verb into the correct form.

- 1 If I knew (I / know) his number, I would phone him.
- 2 I wouldn't buy (I / not / buy) that coat if I were you.
- 3 (I / help) you if I could, but I'm afraid I can't.
- 4 We don't need a car at present, but we would need a car if (we / live) in the country.
- 5 If we had the choice, (we / live) in the country.
- 6 This soup isn't very good. (it / taste) better if it wasn't so salty.
- 7 I wouldn't mind living in England if the weather (be) better.
- 8 If I were you, (I / not / wait). (I / go) now.
- 9 You're always tired. If (you / not / go) to bed so late every night, you wouldn't be tired all the time.
- 10 I think there are too many cars. If (there / not / be) so many cars, (there / not / be) so much pollution.

39.2 Write a sentence with **if ...** for each situation.

- 1 We don't see you very often because you live so far away.
If you didn't live so far away, we'd see you more often.
- 2 It's a nice book but it's too expensive, so I'm not going to buy it.
I it if so
- 3 We don't go out very often – we can't afford it.
We more often
- 4 I can't meet you tomorrow – I have to work late.
If
- 5 It would be nice to have lunch outside but it's raining, so we can't.
We
- 6 I don't want his advice, and that's why I'm not going to ask for it.
If

39.3 Write sentences beginning **I wish ...**

- 1 I don't know many people (and I'm lonely). I wish I knew more people.
- 2 I don't have a computer (and I need one). I wish
- 3 Helen isn't here (and I need to see her).
- 4 It's cold (and I hate cold weather).
- 5 I live in a big city (and I don't like it).
- 6 I can't go to the party (and I'd like to).
- 7 I have to get up early tomorrow (but I'd like to sleep late).
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- 8 I don't know anything about cars (and my car has just broken down).
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- 9 I'm not feeling well (and it's not nice).
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39.4 Write your own sentences beginning **I wish ...**

- 1 (somewhere you'd like to be now – on the beach, in New York, in bed etc.)
I wish I
- 2 (something you'd like to have – a motorbike, more friends, lots of money etc.)
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- 3 (something you'd like to be able to do – sing, travel more, cook etc.)
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- 4 (something you'd like to be – beautiful, strong, younger etc.)
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